(a) the number of food/fruits testing laboratories set up in Himachal Pradesh so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of food/fruits analysts in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of food/fruits manufacturing units, item-wise, which are exclusively reserved for the small scale industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) provides financial assistance under its Plan Scheme to various stakeholders such as Central/State Government organizations, IITs, Universities, private sector organisations for setting up/up-gradation of food testing laboratories in order to meet domestic as well as International standards of the food products. MFPI do not setup Food/fruits testing laboratories on its own and the schemes operatedby MFPI are also not State specific. The proposals received from States and other stakeholders for setting up/up-gradation of food testing laboratories are considered as per guidelines of this Ministry. MFPI has not received any proposal from Govt. of Himachal pradesh for setting up of Food/fruits Testing Laboratory. However, as per the information provided by Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, seven food/fruit testing laboratories are working at various locations for the purposes of in house testing of food/fruit products.

(b) and (c) As per the information made available by the Health Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, there is no shortage of food/fruits analysts in the State.

(d) The items exclusively reserved for small-scale industries are: (i) Pickles & Chutneys, (ii) Bread, (iii) Pastry, (iv) Hard boiled sugar candy, (v) Rapeseed oil, Mustard Oil, Sesame oil, Ground nut oil (except solvent extracted), (vi) ground and processed spices other than spice oil and Oleo resin spices.

Kidney cancer by white bread

1338. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been found by a research that white bread leads to kidney cancer;

(b) if so, the details of further findings published in the international journal for cancer;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to put a check on production of white bread to save the human beings;

(d) the monthly production of white bread in the country; and

(e) whether some cases of cancer as a result of white bread have come to the notice of Government; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Tale of the House.

Planning for development of food processing industries

1339. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Uttar Pradesh is the second largest producer of mangoes, the fourth largest producer of guavas, the highest producer of peas and the second highest producer of sweet potatoes in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are planning to develop food processing industries based on the above products and how much fund has been earmarked for the same;

(c) whether Government have done strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats analysis in this field in the State of U.P. to make the food processing industries profitable for the farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its Plan Scheme for